

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)**  
**PROJECT FACT SHEET**  
**ORIGINAL DATE: SEPTEMBER 1996**  
**TAG REVIEW DATE: 6 MAY 1997**

1. **SITE NAME:** Victorville Precision Bombing Range  
(PBR) Y

**SITE NUMBER:** J09CA069500

**LOCATION:**

**CITY:** Victorville  
**COUNTY:** San Bernardino  
**STATE:** California

**PROJECT NUMBER:** J09CA069501

**CATEGORY:** OE

**INPR RAC:** 4

**ASR RAC:** 2

**TAG RAC:** 2

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3. **SITE DESCRIPTION:**

a. The former Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) Y is located in San Bernardino County east-southeast of the city of Victorville, California. The site consists of approximately

2,240 acres. The desert type climate is normally mild during the winter months with long hot dry summers. The terrain is a dry lake bed between small mountain masses in the eastern Mojave desert.

b. Today, a large portion of this area is managed by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), as an Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV), Camping and Target Practice Recreational area for the public. A smaller portion is privately owned and used for recreation.

c. The desert tortoise is the only known species of endangered wildlife in the area.

#### **4. SITE HISTORY:**

The attempts to acquire Precision Bombing Range "Y" began in 1942 while it was being utilized. Ownership of PBR "Y" was never officially transferred to the War Department. The site was used as a demolition bombing range for training pilots and bombardiers of the Western Flying Training Command (WFTC) at Victorville Army Air Base. The types of ordnance used during training included: M38A2, 100 lb. Practice Bombs, AN-M30/GP, 100 lb. General Purpose Bombs, M43, 500 lb. General Purpose Bombs and AN-M34/GP, 2000 lb. General Purpose Bombs. The site was determined to be of no further use to War Department in 1945 and was excessed. The site was returned to the Department of the Interior in 1948.

#### **5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Area:	Size, Acres:	2,240
	Former Usage:	Bombing Target
	Present Usage:	Off-Highway-Vehicles, Camping and Target practice area for the public
	Probable End Usage:	Same as Above
	Ordnance Presence:	Confirmed
	Type:	AN-M30, AN-M34, AN-M66 Aircraft Flare, M38A2 practice bombs

#### **6. CURRENT STATUS:**

The Archives Search Report(ASR) for Victorville Precision Bombing Range (PBR) Y was completed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in September 1996.

**7. STRATEGY:** EE/CA

**8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS:**

a. The TAG recommends that an EE/CA be performed on this site since there was confirmed debris and bomb craters encountered by the SI Team during their inspection of this area.

b. Plate four of the ASR shows four different areas that were addressed in the text of the ASR. Area A was the original acreage of the inventory project report. Area B and Area D were considered as additional lands that have the potential for OE debris. Area C has been designated as a separate PBR with site #J09CA068100. The recommended EE/CA is for Area A and is the only area addressed in this fact sheet. It is also a recommendation that the Project Manager monitor Area B and D to determine the extent, if any, of the OE contamination in these areas.

c. Obtain rights of entry and check with the current land owners and the State Historical Office prior to any remediation activities.

d. There are known Federally-and State-species occurring in the site area. An on-site inspection by appropriate State and Federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of the listed species or natural communities.

**9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY:**

Phase	Orig Start	Sch Start	Actual Start	Orig Comp	Sch Comp	Actual Comp
EE/CA						

**10. FUNDING/BUDGET SUMMARY:** For Official Use Only

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